

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

**SIBBALD et al.**

Serial No.: **Unassigned**

Examiner: **Unassigned**

Filed: Concurrently Herewith

Group Art Unit: **Unassigned**

Title: **A METHOD OF PROCESSING AN AUDIO SIGNAL**

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

August 9, 1999

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Prior to action in, and calculation of fees for, the above captioned application,  
please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Kindly cancel claims 1-13, and add the following new claims 14-53: